functioning of the Board such as the minutes of meetings of the Board such as the minutes of meetings of the Board dated 21.01.2009, 16.02.2009, 23.03.2009, 18.05.2009 and 25.06.2009 as authenticated by the Chairman has to be implemented, submissions of compliance report of the implementation of the Resolutions and the minutes book to the High Court and fixing the date of the Board meeting. It has also directed that the allegation regarding financial and administrative irregularities etc. are referred to the Central Vigilance Commission for appropriate investigation. The same has been referred to Central Vigilance Commission by Prasar Bharati. In its final orders dated 13/11/2009, the High Court dismissed the PIL while upholding the interim directions to refer allegations regarding financial and administrative irregularities to Central Vigilance Commission. In the meanwhile, an SLP has been filed in the Supreme Court by the CEO, Prasar Bharati against the interim order of the High Court. The matter is *sub-judice*.

There is no proposal for establishment of Regulatory authority for smooth functioning of Prasar Bharati.

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Unlicensed TV channels

1902. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has taken note of the fact that a number of cable operators in league with unscrupulous broadcasters have been beaming several unlicensed TV channels in the country;

(b) if so, the details of the cable operators brought to book during the current year, so far; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken to prevent such violation of the laws?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) The Government is in receipt of inputs regarding downlinking and re-transmission of unregistered satellite TV channels by cable operators in their network in certain parts of the country. The Authorized Officers under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 which include District Magistrates, Sub-Divisional Magistrates, and Commissioners of Police are empowered to take action against the cable operators in case of carriage of unregistered channels. Since authorized officers who are district level officers enforces the provisions of Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and rules made thereunder, no data on the action taken against cable operators is maintained by the Central Government.

(c) The Programme Code as prescribed under the Cable Act and Rules made thereunder permits cable operators to carry only such satellite TV channels as are registered with

the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The Ministry accordingly has been communicating with the State Governments for setting up of State and District level Monitoring Committees to ensure compliance of the provisions of the Cable At and the Rules thereunder. Recently, the Government on 7.10.2009 has issued an advisory to all authorized Multi System Operators and Cable Operators Associations to discontinue with immediate effect the transmission/re-transmission of illegal channels failing which penal action would be taken. The Ministry is also in touch with the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard.

Depiction of violence, obscurities and vulgarity on TV

1903. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether depiction of violence, obscurities and vulgarity on various television channels is increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has received any complaints in this regard;

(d) if so, the number of such complaints reported during the last two years, and the current year alongwith the action taken by Government on those channels;

(e) whether there is any clear and accurate guidelines fixed for these TV channels so that incidents of violence and the incidents of distorting the culture, civilization and tradition can be checked; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI CHOUDHURY MOHAN JATUA): (a) and (b) No such specific study has been brought to the notice of the Government. However, some instances of violence, obscenity and vulgarity shown on television have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(c) and (d) A statement showing the details of Show Cause Notices issued to various TV channels for showing violence, obscenity and vulgarity on Television during the last two years and current year and final action taken thereon is enclosed (*See* below).

(e) and (f) There is no provision of pre-censorship of the programmes telecast by Private TV channels. However, all the Private TV channels are required to adhere to the Programme and Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Rules framed thereunder. This Ministry has constituted an Inter Ministerial Committee to look into specific complaints or to take *sou motu* cognizance against the violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes. Action is taken as per the provisions of the Cable Act whenever any specific violation is found.